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IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Ilana Lederer

We meet here this afternoon to pay a last tribute to Mrs. Lederer. I speak to you on behalf of members of faculty and students at the Faculty of Law of McGill University.

Mrs. Lederer, as she was known to generations of law students and to a sizeable section of the legal community in this city and this country, or Ilana, as she was known to my colleagues and myself, came to the Faculty of Law in September of 1975 as Student Affairs Officer.

As a description of what she did in the Faculty, this title is too vague and is somewhat misleading.

It is too vague because it really does not capture - no title could capture - the range of things that she actually did in the Faculty for the Faculty. Of course, as an administrator, she worked on course

registrations, the scheduling and re-scheduling of classes, the keeping of student records, examinations and the like. And there was no shortage of things to keep her busy, in part because of the nature of her work and in part also because of her disposition. She was of a generation that thrives on work.

But these were not the most important responsibilities she had and which, in my view, to the end, remained largely undefined. Her humanity, her kindness with students and staff, and her willingness to help, regardless of the nature of the problem, meant that many such problems, small problems but sometimes big ones too, and problems involving the demands that a legal education places on a person's private life, ended up in her office, where they virtually always found a suitable solution. There is a term for this kind of work: it's called counselling. But Ilana

did not really approach it as work and therefore the term is again inadequate.

Sometime ago, the student of the Faculty offered her a plaque which they asked her to install on her office door - the plaque reads "Mother-in-Law", and that conveys something of what I am trying to say here.

Mrs. Lederer was always concerned about the collective well-being in the Faculty. That was obvious in the manner in which she fulfilled her role as "Mother-in-Law". It was also obvious in a number of small ways: the cakes she baked twice a year for Faculty Council, the flowers she repotted every spring in the Faculty, the photos of student and faculty progeny she kept in her office and wanted us to update regularly. Of course,

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TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

By Alan McConnell
V.P. Common Law

Once again it is time to consider nominating your favourite Professor for the LSA's Teaching Excellence Award. As students it is in our interest to recognize and reward quality teaching. Four Professors were nominated last term and hopefully many more will receive nominations this term.

The nomination process is quite simple.

Nominations can be submitted by any student of the faculty, so long as they have taken or are currently taking a course with the professor they wish to nominate. Eligible recipients include any faculty member currently teaching this term. The deadline for nominations is February 23.

For a complete nomination the student must write a letter to the Teaching Excellence Committee as to why s/he thinks

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LAW LIBRARY

LOT'S OF ANNOUNCEMENTS! LOTS AND LOTS OF THEM!

WOMEN AND THE LAW - is seeking to set up an archive of student essays that are either feminist-based or deal with women's issues. The archive will be available at the law library as reference for the student body at large. If you have written a law paper that can contribute to this collection and would like to participate in this project, please submit your essay(s) to the Women and the Law box at the LSA office. Please note that submitted copies will not be returned to students.

DEFERRED/SUPPLEMENTALS - those students writing deferreds or supplementals should complete the appropriate form, available in the SAO, and submit it before Friday, February 19th at the latest.

JUNE 1993 GRADUATION - a revised list of prospective graduands has been posted on the notice board in the SAO. Please check again to ensure all information is accurate and bring any corrections to our attention immediately.

LSA SEEKS STUDENT INPUT - The LSA Executive is responsible for selecting students to sit on Faculty Council committees and needs input from the student body on the criteria it should adopt in making those appointments. The committee positions available are: curriculum (3); admissions (2); examinations (1) hiring and recruiting (1); promotions and renewals (1) and library (1). There has been some controversy in past years over the selection process. The main issues that have arisen are the following.

-Should the people elected as student members at large be given priority, so that they are more likely to be appointed to the committee of their choice?

- What qualifications are required? How can the panel compare the achievements of people with very different backgrounds?

-To what extent should concerns for equal

representation be brought to bear the selection process? And what would equal representation entail?

Individuals or groups wishing to make written submissions should place them in the LLB III box at the LSA office by February 19. Those who prefer to meet with committee members Monica Creery, Joshua Fireman and Tara Mani may either contact them directly or sign up on the sheet posted outside the LSA office so that a meeting can be arranged. Your views matter; make them known.

TAKE CARE OF THE COMMON ROOM - The Common Room is the most beautiful and traditional room in the Faculty. Unfortunately, it has been damaged and is deteriorating at an abnormal rate. Let's take pride in it and take care of it. If we don't, we may not be able to use it for much longer.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LEGAL NETWORK - The Legal Network of Amnesty International is a dynamic organization composed of public and private lawyers, legal academics, judges, law students, paralegals and other members of the legal community who wish to use their special skills and influence to further the human rights mandate of Amnesty International.

On Wednesday February 17, 1993 a first meeting will be held at McGill Law Faculty. The meeting will start at 13:00 in room 203. All welcome!!

THE ABORIGINAL LAW ASSOCIATION - presents two speakers who will discuss: Land Claims Treaties: a Constitutional Meeting of the Minds or Unconditional Surrender? in the context of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement.

William Grodinsky is a lawyer who represents the Cree nation in its efforts to implement the agreement, and Andrew Orkin,

while also having worked with the Crees and the Assembly of First Nations, had done extensive work in the area of informed consent.

The presentation and a question period will be held on February 17, at 1:00, in room 202.

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS - If you wish to be considered for one of the awards offered by the Faculty, please pick up a **Prizes and Scholarships** form from the Student Affairs Office.

LAST CHANCE - to retrieve your Fall Term paper/essay from SAO. Those papers/essays still in our hands after study break will be recycled.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN - The Saidye Bronfman Centre is now taking reservations for group bookings for the Spring production of Ariel Dorfman's award-winning Broadway hit, **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN**, in its Montreal premiere limited engagement at the Saidye Bronfman Centre Theater. This presentation of Les Productions Unique in collaboration with the SBC will run from March 4 to March 28, 1993.

A minimum of 20 people per group is required to obtain the \$3 discount per ticket off the regular price. The group prices are:

*Saturday nights (adults) \$19

*Saturday nights (seniors or students) \$16

*Week and Sunday performances (adults) \$17

*Week and Sunday performances (seniors or students) \$14

Saidye Bronfman Centre
Caryl Gold - group sales coordinator
739-2301.

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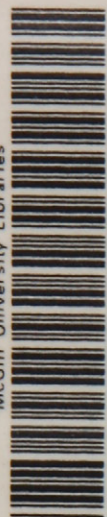
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LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING TUTORIAL LEADERS

The Legal Research and Writing Program is currently looking for tutorial leaders for first and second year students during 1993-94. On recherche des candidats francophones et des candidats anglophones qui sont présentement en deuxième ou troisième année de leurs études en droit. If you are interested, please leave a copy of your C.V., along with a covering letter (addressed to Professor Patrick Healy) stating your preference for the first year or the second year programme, to the attention of Tanya Goldberg at S.A.O. All applications must be received by **Friday, March 5th**. Ce poste vous vaudra trois crédits. Should you have any questions, please contact Tanya Goldberg at 398-6894 after 2 p.m.

ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL METHODOLOGY PROGRAMME

We are looking for a third or fourth year student who will be doing Bar School in Montreal next year to assist with the Legal Methodology Programme. This position lasts a full year and carries monetary compensation. If you are interested, please leave a copy of your C.V., along with a covering letter (addressed to Professor Patrick Healy), to the attention of Tanya Goldberg at S.A.O. by **Friday, March 5th**. Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez contacter Tanya

Goldberg au 398- 6894 après 14h00.

COIN AU SPORTS CORNER

Women's Hockey: Malum in Se

After beating the Icebababes 6-4 last Sunday, Malum is proud to report their sixth straight win, which bumps us up to fifth place in the overall standings. First star: Chantal A. with the hat trick. Second star: Margi S., whose third goal of the season confirms the rumor that she's on a hot scoring streak! Third star: Nathalie St. P., whose slapshots from the point had the other team diving for cover! Rachelle H. and Tamara G. also netted one each. Highlights: Mild mannered Rachelle H. picking a fight with Ms. Green Pants after the game and Chantal A. practicing her bowling skills by taking not only the puck, but also the goalie and herself into the net in a desperate attempt to add a fourth goal!

P.S. Don't miss the revenge match between Malum In Se and the Public Offenders February 14th, 4 p.m.

Co-rec Broomball: Read em 'n Sweep

After winning our first game despite ferocious hangovers, we decided to revise our strategy and get drunk before our second game! This plan included being amongst the last to leave after Coffee House, several drinks and a five minute sprint to the rink. Highlights of the game: Roger S. minus his helmet and Tina H., putting her goon skills to work in her first broomball game. The strat-

egy was enormously successful, as we blew the other team away. Unfortunately, no one remembers the exact score, but we did win big!

We also posted a third victory last week, despite playing shorthanded for half the game. While half the team was home in bed (recovering from law games no doubt), those who were still alive and mobile managed to drag themselves to the stadium. Despite the absence of Pierre C. and ace goalie Lucie P., the other team never had a chance! Highlights: Andreas S. and Mike H. terrorizing the other goalie, Tina H.'s 5 minutes in net and Greg H.'s amazing identity switch! Stay tuned for the report of game #4, featuring a match-up between the undefeated Read 'ems and antoher law team!

Men's Indoor Soccer: Reasonable Men

After a difficult recruitment process, the team is showing signs of coming together. Playing in the 'A' division of the indoor league, 'Men' has yet to suffer defeat. A lack of substitutes was the difference in the first match as the other team made up a 2-0 deficit in the final five minutes of an intensely played game for a 2-2 result. The second match saw the team take advantage of the other side's short-handedness for a solid 8-1 drubbing. Kudos to Edsel M. for pinpoint shots into the other team's net, Michael H. for constantly being in the right spot to stop opposing offence, and Ami K. for solid goaltending.

USED BOOK SALE PROCEEDS

The law faculty's first used book sale, run by the Environmental Law Association of McGill/I' Association du Droit d'Environnement McGill, generated \$102 in proceeds. Half of this will be donated to Centraid, while the other half forms the prize in a lottery held among students who sold books or donated casebooks to the sale. And this year's lucky winner is... Ron Labossière. ELAM/IADEM will be distributing sales checks and/or unsold books to their owners on Wednesday,

February 17, from 12:30 to 13:30, at the law bookstore.

The following student were able to sell books and will be receiving a check: L. Beiles, P. Cantin, T. Kheirridin, R. Labossière, D. MacKinnon, L. Pryor, and S. Wilson. Students whose books did not sell may pick them up on Wednesday February 17, or leave them with ELAM/IADEM, to be sold next term. If the books are not picked up, we will assume you wish them to be put up

for sale again next term. If you have any questions, you may contact Jennifer Griffith at 284-6840.

ELAM/IADEM wishes to thank everyone for their participation in this first used book sale and hopes the next one will be even more successful. Look for an announcement toward the end of the term to find out how you can donate/drop off your books in the spring for sale in the fall term!

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she did all these things on her own initiative. They could not possibly form part of a title or a job description for a university administrator, but taken together they added a great deal to the quality of life in our Faculty.

I began by saying that her title was too vague but also somewhat misleading. I say it because, as we all know in the Faculty, her constituency was not limited to students, despite her title as **Student Affairs Officer**. Ilana constantly had dealings with members of faculty. That was partly because her position often required her to play a mediating role between students and staff, something which she did well and, I think, with courage - she was not afraid of profs. But that was also because in various subtle

ways she knew how to remind colleagues, or at least some colleagues, those who needed the reminding, that they had to honour their responsibilities to students and the Faculty. She could be quite formidable in that role. I remember that, in my first year of teaching, having failed to produce my examination results on the required date, I for two or three days avoided the ground floor of the Faculty where her office was located and used the basement corridor to get to my classroom. She knew how to be convincing when the need arose.

Above all else, perhaps, I will always remember her as a colleague (I use the word deliberately) who had a keen sense of responsibility. On countless occasions, I saw her in the office in the evening, or early in the morning, or on weekends, making sure that what was due on

time would be done on time. She felt that she had the ultimate responsibility for certain matters in the administration of the Faculty and although she had never studied law, she understood better than many legal academics the difference between an obligation of means and an obligation of result.

Without her, the Faculty will not be the same, and we all share today a cruel sense of loss. Her death, which comes prematurely and deprives her of a period of rest she had more than earned, is especially unfair. For all of us, but particularly those younger members of the teaching staff who knew her both students and as colleagues, it will take some time to get used to a Law Faculty from which Ilana Lederer is absent.

Yves-Marie Morissette
Monday 8 February 1993.

On Saturday February 6, 1993, Mrs. Ilana Lederer passed away. She will be sadly missed, and fondly remembered by all those who have passed through the doors of Old Chancellor Day Hall. Her energy and devotion to the life at the Faculty touched us all and will not soon be forgotten.

THE CULT OF PERSONALITY

By Nick Katerinakis, BCL III

After two decades of discrimination and disappointment, Quebec anglophones and allophones have once again been promised change by Premier Bourassa. The newspapers have printed stories about more representative hiring in the provincial public service and even the end of the annoying sign laws. What should we make of all this? After a decade in power the Liberals have finally decided to address the concerns of the two groups that comprise 2/5 of the population of Quebec. Hmmmm, lets see, it would not have anything to do with the

upcoming provincial election, would it? I am saddened by the fact that our Premier lost his mind before he lost his health. However, Booboo and his band of bumbling idiots can keep their crumbs. This generation of anglos/allos are not buying his B.S. and we resent the fact that he would insult our collective intelligence by making promises that are a decade overdue.

However, these desperate attempts were somewhat reassuring. Future Quebec governments must be prepared to make accommodations to the anglo/allo community if they want to be re-elected. In a

best case scenario, a third party will have to be courted in order to form a majority government. Rather than form a silent and often useless component of a provincial cabinet, they will have the government by the ____ (fill in the suitable organ). Currently, no party or charismatic political leader is up to this huge task and unfortunately I'm not big on kissing babies. Time is running out and if no viable alternative presents itself soon we run the risk of yet another 5 years of liberal fence sitting and stagnation.

Finally, we cannot overlook the unique perspective of Mr. Pariseau. His Oxford

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education has allowed him to see a different future for Quebec. The province can be free and sovereign without the consultation or cooperation of the anglo/algo community. (To a historian this sounds a lot like the rhetoric Hitler used towards the Czechs). They are not important. How can he be so sure? Simple, Elvis

told him. If this man could be so blatantly idiotic in public conversations. As the vast majority of Quebec (and not to mention the P.Q. party) gasped for air when these comments became public, I danced around my apartment with the enthusiasm of a 5 year old on Christmas day. For as long as Herr Pariseau is the spokesperson of the separatist and sovereigntist sentiments of Quebec, we

have absolutely nothing to worry about. Separation and/or sovereignty association could never be viable alternatives in the hands of such a discredited leader. In fact, the damage caused by this self-unmasking has ensured that the political marriage we know as Canada will never experience separation or divorce in our lifetimes. Racism and intolerance are difficult to overlook or reconcile.

SCANDAL? WHAT SCANDAL?

By Joshua Fireman, BCL III

It was a dark and stormy night. I saw sitting at my desk pondering the really important questions about life (*what did Ron get up to at Law Games, anyway*) when my contemplative silence was shattered like cannon fire on a warm August night by the harsh ringing of my telephone.

"Yeah, what can I do ya for," I said into the cold, hard speaker. "Listen up, and listen good"< was the response morbidly received by shocked external acoustic meatus. The voice was obviously being electronically altered, as it sounded exactly like Bart Simpson (TM).

A shiver ran up my spine and back down the small of my neck. the voice continued, and I began to sweat profusely. "Odin isn't very happy with your latest attempt at reporting. Try writing another piece of unsubstantiated [expletive] like that and you'll find more than the middle of your column missing. That damn ponytail is next to go."

Mere nanoseconds later, i managed to regain my composure and wipe my furrowed brow. With the supreme confidence of a man who values truth, justice and the Canadian way more dearly than his own pitiful life, I replied that no threats would shake me from this story. What I was on to was big; damn big, and this call was only confirming my darkest suspicions.

"Remember, *dog meat*, suspicions are all you've got and all you'll ever have," replied Bart. "You think that you've got the students on your side, but you're as wrong as an anchovy in a caesar salad. We own this faculty and everyone in it. If a summary is in circulation, it's because we put it there. If an NTC is running, it's because we sanctioned it. If an elevator gets re-panelled, it's because we wanted to generate a little goodwill. Without us, this faculty would be nothing. Mess with us and you're really going to find out how much wood a woodchuck can chuck."

The line went dead as quickly as it had come alive. My head began to spin like an old 45, and the sweating just wouldn't stop. I couldn't move, paralysed with fear and loathing. I needed help, and at that moment Lady Sif entered the room with Thor. She slapped me hard to calm me down. It worked. The persistent throbbing in my upper left molar also stopped, as the tooth fell softly to the ground.

Thor looked at me with worried eyes. I was afraid that Sif might have to clam him down too. She turned to me and asked what was wrong. Too many Tootsie Pops (TM), I told her. Thor seemed to buy the explanation, although Sif seemed a bit suspicious. Rather than face any more questions, I sent them on their way with my assurances that the CONE Heads were under control.

But were they? How far did their influence reach? It seemed that since my last exposé had been published, I'd run into more brick walls than a blind rhino in heat. First, there was the cold shoulder that Dominic gave me every time he came to the library to change a light bulb. Then the rest of the LSA stopped returning my calls. Even Fred became noticeably silent when I approached.

At one point I managed to get myself registered as a volunteer in the computer lab, in order to track the use of digitized summaries. I was stopped cold when a CONE Head virus destroyed all my access codes. Every time I logged in, I was greeted by a Bart Simpson gif with the sound of electronic laughter echoing in the background like a mutant yodler on steroids. Coincidence? Sure. And I'm a granola-eating communist.

My investigation looked to be deader than the Senators' shot at a playoff birth, when the romantic silence of a pensive moment was brutally shattered by the sound and fury of a brick being thrown through my window. A lengthy but cursory investigation revealed that the brick was not alone. It had a note attached to it with the kind of tape that make you think about Christmas wrapping on a brisk December's morn.

The message read as follows:

You've got more guts than brains. But, I

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figure you deserve a break before the CONE Heads do it for you. If you think this operation is a small-time Chancellor Day Do-Dah, then you're as stupid as you are good looking. This is the big time, moron. This stretches West of Dorchester and East of Penfield; North of Green and South of Papineau.

If you want to find Odin, then you want to be minding your own business outside the OCDH Smoking Room at 7:15 tomorrow morning. You won't be disappointed, but the shock might short your nervous system like a live wire in bile.

*Sincerely,
 Magneto.*

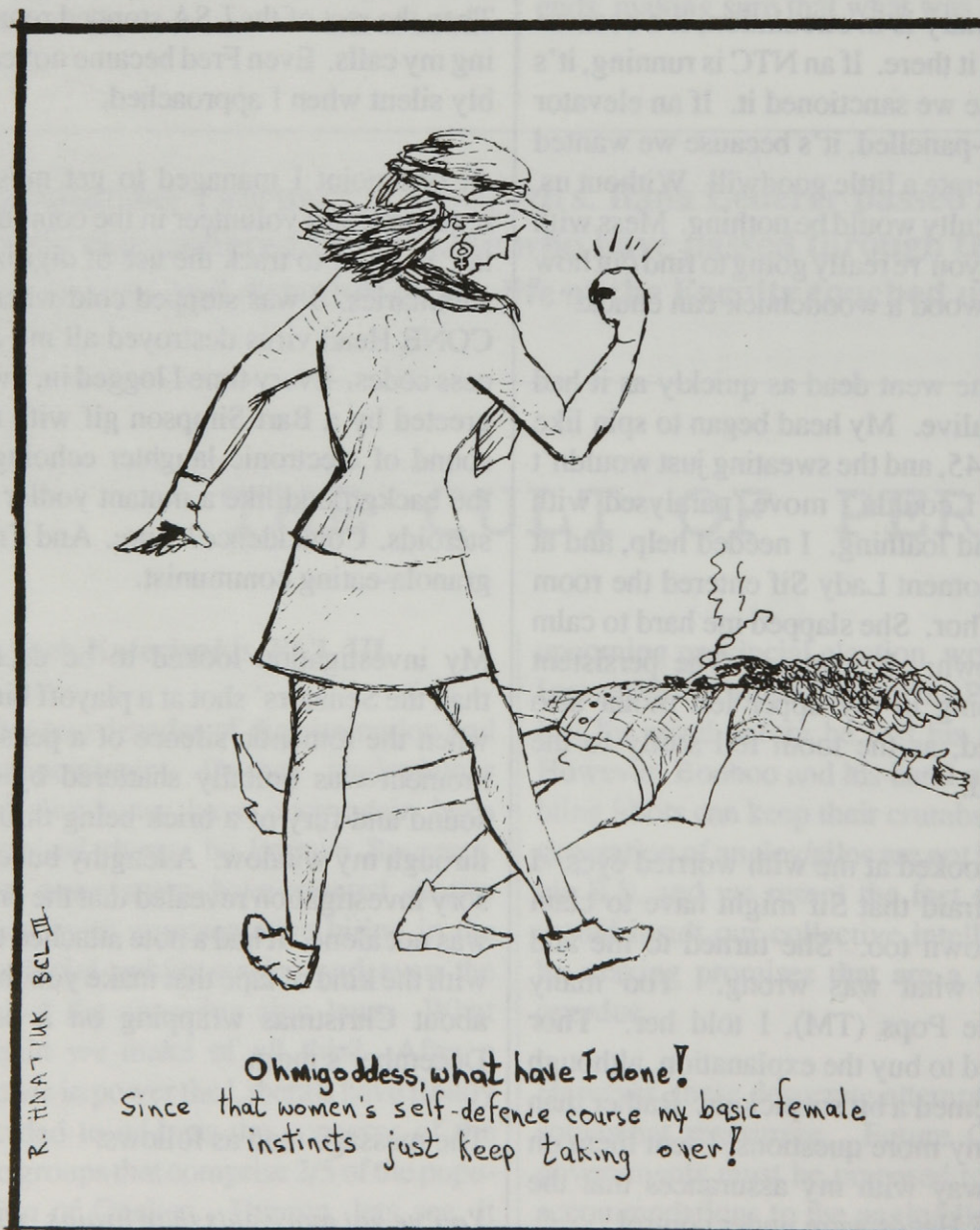
This was it. Crunch time. Bottom of the ninth, 2 out, full count, bases loaded. Did I have the intestinal fortitude to see this drama through to its final, gruesome act? Did I really want to see Odin with my own eyes? Was I afraid a Medusa-like stare would turn me to stone, unable to protect myself from a hammer to my heart? And, would I be able to make it to town from the West Island that early in the morning?

All of my doubts evaporated with the 5 a.m. dew. The darkness outside my shat-

tered window was quickly dispelled by the blinding desire for truth that shone from my heart and illuminated my path. I knew then that I must take the road less travelled, wherever it might lead. And, so I went, off into the cold darkness of lies and deceptions that awaited me.

At 7:14, I made out a silhouette gliding across some freshly fallen snow. The figure paused for but a moment under a street lamp, and made its way, with the grace of a resolute pink flamingo, into OCDH. I collapsed in the snow, shaking violently and desperately trying to avoid drawing attention to myself. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined

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*Ohmigoddess, what have I done!
 Since that women's self-defence course my basic female
 instincts just keep taking over!*

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this professor should receive the award. There is no detailed criteria, though students may care to remark on the professor's enthusiasm for the subject; availability to new ideas; encouragement of class discussion; interest level; amount of material learned; and availability outside class hours.

The student must then fill out the General Information Sheet available at the SAO.

Finally, the student must get five peers to sign the General Information Sheet. These can be students currently enrolled in a course with the professor or students who have taken any course with the professor before.

The complete application can then be submitted to the SAO. The Committee will then proceed to distribute evaluation forms in each of the nominated professors classes. These forms, along with the nomination letters, will be reviewed by the Committee to determine the winner of the award. The lucky prof. will be announced at the LSA Awards Coffee-house later this term.

So, don't forget, get your nominations in before February 23 and bring a smile to the face of your favourite law prof.!